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ALMS-HOUSE.

SECTION 1. The county commissioners of Dorchester county shall, at their first meeting in May in each year, appoint seven discreet persons, inhabitants of said county, to be trustees of the poor of said county from the first Monday of June then next ensuing.

2. The clerk to the county commissioners shall, within five days after such appointment, deliver to the sheriff of the county a certificate of the appointment of each of the said trustees, endorsing one of them for each; and the sheriff shall, within six days, deliver one of the certificates to each of the trustees, agreeably to the endorsement thereon.

3. The said trustees, under the penalty of twenty-five dollars each, shall accept said office, and shall meet at the alms-house of the county on the second Monday of June next ensuing their appointment, (except prevented by sickness or other unavoidable accident, and in such case as soon thereafter as the disability shall be removed,) and qualify by taking the following oath: "I, A. B., do swear that I will duly and faithfully discharge the duties and trusts committed to me as a trustee of the poor for Dorchester county, to the best of my skill and knowledge, so help me God," which oath is to be administered by any one of the seven trustees to the others, any one of whom being sworn shall administer the same to him.

4. No member of the General Assembly, clergyman, attorney or practising physician, shall be obliged to accept, or be liable